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STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship JAVA, 1,465 Tons, 180 H.P., Commander J. AVERS, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 19th April 1873, at 4 P.M.

Leave	April 1873.	Leave	April 1873.
BOMBAY	19	Colombo	28
Mutlagherry	20	Galle	29
Vingoria	20	Negapatam	May 2
Carwar	21	Pondicherry	3
Mangalore	22	Madras	7
Cannanore	23	Coconada	8
Tellicherry	23	Vizagapatam	9
Calicut	24	Bimlipatam	9
Beypore	24	Gopaulpore	9
Cochin	25	False Point	10
Allepey	25	Arrive CALCUTTA	12
Tuticorin	27		

The British India Steam Navigation Company's Steamers sail at Goa regularly.

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Neilgherry district, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut or Beypore and proceed from thence by rail. Passengers for Calcutta may take the same route, picking up the steamer at Madras.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF, VIA KURRACHEE.

Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Busreh, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at KURRACHEE, GUAIADUR, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, MAHOMERAH, and BUSSORAH.

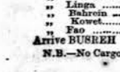
The ss INDIA, 1,059 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander R. I. TURNER, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 11th April 1873, at 7 P.M.

Leave	April 1873.	Leave	April 1873.
BOMBAY	11	BUSHEHR	30
Kurrachee	16	Fao	31
Guadur	16	Bushire	May 2
Muscat	18	Bushire	2
Bunder Abbas	21	Linga	8
Linga	22	Bunder Abbas	9
Bahrein	24	Muscat	11
Koweit	24	Guadur	11
Fao	26	Kurrachee	16
Arrive BUSHIRE	27	Arrive BOMBAY	19

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.



THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the weekly service from England, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every FRIDAY, commencing from the 27th September 1872.

The Steam-ship KURRACHEE, 510 Tons, 120 H.P., Commander R. HENDERSON, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 18th April 1873, at 2 o'clock.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

FOR LIVERPOOL DIRECT, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

TO SAIL ABOUT THE 15TH PROXIMO.

THE fine new Screw Steamer RAVENSWORTH CASTLE, 1,966 Register, Captain W. SERGENT, has excellent accommodation for first-class Passengers only. The Saloon and Cabins are on the Quarter Deck; they are efficiently ventilated and well adapted for Families, the Steamer having been specially built for the East India Trade. She carries a Stewardess, and a Surgeon.

Wines, &c., will be supplied on board at moderate prices.

For Rates of Passage, Plan, &c., apply to

KING, KING, & Co.,
6, Church Lane.

BLUE CROSS LINE.

TO LEAVE 10TH APRIL POSITIVELY.

THE fine new full-powered S.S. GRESHAM, 1,811 tons register, Captain E. G. BULKELEY, has very superior accommodation for Passengers only. The Cabins are all on the upper deck with large sash windows, and there is a handsome dining saloon 60 feet in length. She carries a Surgeon and Stewardess.

Rates of Passage Money, exclusive of Wines and Beer, which can be had on board, of good quality and at reasonable rates.

TO LIVERPOOL..... Rs. 500

For Passage apply to

GRINDLAY, GROOM, & Co.

"WILSON" LINE.

LIVERPOOL VIA SUEZ CANAL.

TO LEAVE ABOUT 15TH APRIL.

THE S.S. YEDDO, 1,808 Tons Register, has superior accommodation (amidships), with Saloon on Upper Deck. She carries a SURGEON and STEWARDESS.

Rates of Passage Money, exclusive of Wines and Spirits, which can be had on Board,

TO LIVERPOOL

First Class	Rs. 500
Second Class	,, 300

For Passage and further particulars apply to

GRINDLAY, GROOM, & Co.
W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

N. B.—To be followed by the HIDALGO and XANTHO.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

MONTHLY LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN BOMBAY AND TRIESTE, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamer MEMFI, 2,680 Tons, will be despatched for TRIESTE, on or about the 16th April, to be followed by the Extra Steamer CALYPSO, 1,234 Tons, to leave on or about the 25th April 1873. These Steamers have good accommodation for a small number of Passengers.

RATES OF PASSAGE,

Including a liberal Table (exclusive of Wine and Liquors) and transit through Egypt, ship free conveyance of 3 cwt. luggage.

	Cabin.	Deck with Food.
To Trieste	£40	£19-0
To Port Said	£30	£14-6
To Suez	£28	£13-7

Children under 3 years of age, FREE; above 3 and under 10 years, HALF FARE.

Cargo taken for Trieste, Venice, Constantinople and Odessa, Aden, Zeyyk, Beirut, and the Continent generally.

For further particulars, and for Freight and Passage, apply to THE AGENCY OF THE AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

A. C. GUMPERT, Manager.

Bombay, 12, Medows Street, 24th March 1873.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY.

(VIA SUEZ CANAL.)

ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co., GENOA.

The regular Steamers leave

GENOA on the 24th, and BOMBAY on the 1st of each month.

PASSENGER RATES.

Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.
Aden	£22	£15	6
Suez	36	22	8
Port Said	38	24	9
Alexandria	39	25	9-10
Messina	50	34	14
Naples	50	34	14
Leghorn	50	34	14
Genoa	50	34	14
Marseilles (transhipment at Genoa)	52	35	14-10

Including Wines. Without Food.

Children under 3 years, free of charge.
Children not above 10 years, half fare.

Next Steamers from Bombay :—

ARABIA, on THURSDAY, 1st MAY 1873.
PERSIA, on SUNDAY, 1st JUNE 1873.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

For Rate-books of Information, Rates of Freight, &c., apply to

VOLKART BROTHERS,
Agents Rubattino Steam Navigation Company.

Bombay, 6th November 1871.

SHIPPING.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

On Monday, the 7th April, 1873, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. & O. Co.'s S. S. ELLORA, (1,777 tons, and 300 H.P.), Captain C. FRASER, will LEAVE for SUEZ, as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Venice, Marseilles, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Messina, Naples, Leghorn, Genoa, Trieste, Odessa, Constantinople, Ancona, Havre, Liverpool, London and New York.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

The Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal, in their own steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon on the day of the Steamer's departure, before 10 A.M., in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon, at 3 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

CONTINENTAL RAILWAY TICKETS.—

For the CONVENIENCE of PASSENGERS by the PENINSULAR and ORIENTAL COMPANY, RAILWAY TICKETS to PARIS and LONDON can now be obtained at the Company's Agencies at Suez, Brindisi and Venice.

GEO. F. HENRY,
Superintendent.

Bombay, 24th March 1873.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On Tuesday, the 8th April, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. and O. Co.'s S. S. CATHAY, (2,983 tons and 500 H.P.,) Captain R. T. DUNDAS, will be despatched as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's Office before noon, on Saturday, the 5th April.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(To be despatched hence about the 20th instant.)

THE Steam-ship WIMBLEDON, 957 nett registered tons, has very superior accommodation for First Class Passengers.

Rates of Passage are :—

FIRST CLASS TO LIVERPOOL, £50.

Exclusive of Wines, &c., which, however, can be procured on board. For further particulars apply to

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 3rd April 1873.

FOR LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(To be despatched hence about 10th May.)

THE Steam Ship STRATHCLYDE, 1,400 Nett Registered Tons, expressly built for the East India and China Trade. This fine Steamer has extensive First Class Passenger accommodation of an unusually superior description.

Rates of Passage are :—

FIRST CLASS TO LIVERPOOL	£50
SECOND ,,	£30
FIRST ,, SUEZ	£20

Exclusive of Wines, &c., which however can be procured on board.

For further particulars apply to

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 4th April 1873.

LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

MESSRS. HUGHES and NEPHEW'S well-known and favourite Passenger Steam-ships will SAIL from BOMBAY as under :—

About 5th May—"BELLONA," 1,900 Tons, 300 H.P., J. C. STRAW, Commander, (late of the well-known Passenger Ship "SIR WALTER SCOTT.")

These magnificent full-powered Steamers are splendidly fitted up for Passengers and possess every comfort.

By special arrangement, each Steamer will carry an experienced India Surgeon.

FARE ..... £45, exclusive of Wines, Beer, &c., but including Cabin Furniture, Bedding Linen, &c.

For Passage only, apply to the Undersigned, who will supply all information.

Plans of the Cabins can be seen at the Office.

JOHNSON & Co.,
Nesbit Lane, Fort, Bombay. Ship-Brokers.

STEAM FERRIES (under contract with Government).—Steam Ferry Boats will ply across the Harbour daily, stopping at the undermentioned Bunders:—

FARES FROM BOMBAY TO

Class.	Rewas.	Dhurumtur.	Oorun.	Hog Island.	Oolwa.
	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.
First Class	2 0	3 0	2 0	2 0	3 0
Second Class	0 12	1 0	0 8	0 12	0 12
Third Class	0 6	0 8	0 4	0 6	0 6

The Rewas and Dhurumtur Ferry Steamer leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8 A.M., and Dhurumtur at 1 P.M. The Oorun, Hog Island, and Oolwa Ferry Steamer leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8-30 A.M., and Oolwa at 1 P.M. Passengers are required to obtain Tickets from the Bunder Clerk previous to proceeding on board.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

No. 33, Meadow Street, Bombay.

P. and O. S. N. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

ALTERATION OF SAILING DATES.

VIA THE CANAL.

The following or other FIRST CLASS SHIPS will SAIL on the undermentioned dates for SOUTHAMPTON, via the CANAL :—

AUSTRALIA	3,648 Tons	630 H.P., on 31st March.
KHEDIVE	3,742 ,,	600 ,, on 14th April.
CEYLON	2,912 ,,	450 ,, on 28th ,,
DECCAN	3,128 ,,	600 ,, on 12th May.

FARE.

First Class	Rs. 660
Second Class	,, 360

GEORGE F. HENRY,
Superintendent.

Bombay, 3 Rampart Row, 27th February 1873.

HOMEWARD PASSENGERS VIA BOMBAY.

PASSAGES to SUEZ and EUROPE ENGAGED, without CHARGE for COMMISSION and BAGGAGE RECEIVED and SHIPPED.

PAY and FUND ALLOWANCES Realised.

CIRCULAR NOTES issued payable in EGYPT and throughout EUROPE.

BANK of ENGLAND NOTES, SOVEREIGNS, and NAPOLEONS supplied.

BILLS GRANTED on Messrs. Grindlay & Co., London, at the Exchange of the Day.

APPROVED DRAFTS on Calcutta and Madras, on demand, and GOVERNMENT CURRENCY NOTES of any Circle of payment received at par.

GRINDLAY, GROOM & CO., Bombay.
Correspondents.
GRINDLAY & Co., London. GRINDLAY & Co., Calcutta.

NOTICE.—The STEAM FERRY now plying between BROACH and GOGO will on and after the 7th April next ply between SURAT and GOGO.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

33, Meadow Street, Bombay, 21st March 1873.

SALES BY AUCTION.

NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDASS & CO., 40, MEADOW STREET.

On WEDNESDAY, the 9th instant, Messrs. NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDASS and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at 2 o'clock P.M., at their Rooms, Meadow Street, No. 40,

10 Cases Eau de Cologne, 1 case muslin dress, 3 cases sarries, 1 case assorted carpets, an invoice of silicate oil paints of different colour, 1 case pins, 40 dozen best pale ale, a few dozen of ginger ale, &c.

On account and risk of the concerned—

200 Boxes Table Candles.

On account and risk of the Indentor Surutfally Budroodeen, ex Steamer Crossby.

8 B—No. 36-75—40 Cases each, 50 Reams White French Foolscap Paper.

NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDASS & Co.

Bombay, 7th April 1873.

BENNETT AND COMPANY, No. 4, FORBES STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF SHARES.

TO-MORROW TUESDAY, the 8th instant, at 3 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to submit to Public Auction, at the Share Bazaar :—

Five Shares of Rupees Eight Hundred and Fifty each, in the Victoria Cotton Gin and Press Company, Limited.

This Company, which was started in 1865, has paid dividend varying from 8 to 30 per cent. The factory at Broach is now in full work, and a good dividend is expected at the next balance.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable Land or Ground at Girgaum Back Road.

Under instructions from the executors of the estate of the late Burjorjee Manekjee Butlewalla, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, on the spot, on FRIDAY, the 11th instant, at 4 P.M., the following valuable land or ground, in 8 parcels :—

All that piece or parcel of land or ground, situate, lying, and being on the Girgaum Back Road, without the Fort of Bombay, and containing by admeasurement 1,887 square yards, be the same little more or less, and bounded as follows : that is to say, on or towards the east by the ground of Manoel Antone de Souza, on or towards the west partly by the property of Cowasjee Hormusjee Ghandi, partly by that of Dadabhoy Rustomjee Shroff, and partly by that of Burjorjee Merwanjee Mowjee, on or towards the north partly by the property of the said Cowasjee Hormusjee, partly by that of Dinshaw Jamsetjee Bottlewalla, partly by that of Pestonjee Jehangeerjee Lamna, and partly by that of Acequites, and on or towards the south by the aforesaid Girgaum Back Road, and which said piece of land or ground is registered in the Books of the Collector of Pension Tax under No. 296.

List and Extent of the Parcels.

Parcel No. 1	98	square yard or 1-10-2-0	kathies.
,,	No. 2—298-4-0	,, ,,	3-25-1-0 ditto
,,	No. 3—209-5-0	,, ,,	2-34 ditto
,,	No. 4—245-8-0	,, ,,	2-12-5-0 ditto
,,	No. 5—224-7-0	,, ,,	2-15-4-0 ditto
,,	No. 6—231-6-0	,, ,,	2-18-3-0 ditto
,,	No. 7—354-7-0	,, ,,	3-21-1-0 ditto
,,	No. 8—329-3-0	,, ,,	4-18-7-0 ditto

The plan of the premises can be seen on application to the undersigned.

JUST LANDED.

An invoice of superb English-made plated and brass mounted single and double Harness by William Middlemore.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 1873.

SALES BY AUCTION.

MENESSE AND COMPANY.

AUCTION SALE of really Handsome and select Household Furniture, Glass, Porcelain, and Plateware, at Brighton Villa, Victoria Cross Road, opposite "Sans Souci," Victoria Road, Byculla.

On TUESDAY, 8th April, sale commencing at noon, Messrs. MENESSE & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the above bungalow, the household furniture, &c., &c., the property of Alfred King, Esq., proceeding to England. The same comprises neat cut glassware, dinner and breakfast service, very handsome dessert service, extra quality, electro-plated dish covers, cruet stands, hot water curry dishes, grand sympathetic piano by Soundy & Co., richly carved blackwood furniture by that celebrated maker Rustomjee Nowrojee, of which the like is not now made, consisting of round and pier tables, teapoys, couches, also dining, dressing, washhand and card tables, chiffonier, bookstand, chairs, wardrobes, clothes presses and cupboards, sideboard, camphorwood chest of drawers, 4 post carved bedstead, cots, towel horses, hanging and table kerosine lamps, pictures, lock stitch sewing machine, barometer, astronomical telescope, 4 feet focal length 4 powers in case complete, match rifle and revolver by Whitworth in case, a set of dessert knives and forks in mahogany case, American Victoress kitchen stove, cooking pots, cook-room furniture, &c., &c.

AT 1 P.M.

A mail phaeton.

Catalogues are published, and the property is now on view.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 7th April 1873.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co., No. 28, APOLLO STREET.

THIS DAY, MONDAY, and TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, the 7th and 8th day of April 1873, at about 1 P.M., Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the above place, by order of the Official Assignee, in Re Allarukia Hajee Jewa Adoott, Insolvent, the whole of his Stock-in-trade, consisting of broad cloth, Cashmere, velvet, merino, flannel, alpaca shirts, coloured and white woollen and cotton socks and stockings, hand gloves, neck-tie, white and coloured handkerchiefs, coloured muslin cloth, canvas for Berlin work, patent and Taylor cotton, coloured silk tresses rubber elastics, English boots and shoes, coloured braid, brass and mother o'pearl coat buttons, riding corset and whips, tooth, coat and shoe brushes, balmoral and night caps, tremolo concertina, children umbrellas, chamois leather carpet and leather money bags, carpets, candles, stationery, guitar, opera and pencils, inks, measuring tapes, cough lozenges, treasury chest, soap, cheese, cupboards and shop furniture, and sundry other miscellaneous articles.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.

Bombay, 7th April 1873.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY, 3, MARINE STREET, BOMBAY.

USUAL AUCTION SALE.

THIS DAY, MONDAY, the 7th instant, at 2 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms—

10 Cases Grey Dhoties.
4 do. White Lappets.
2 do. T. Red Mulls.
1 Case White Gauze Lappets.
Few Cases White Scarfs.
5 Sets real China Punch Bowls.
An Invoice of oak painted iron safes of various sizes.
A few articles of furniture of a gentleman, consisting of washing tables, iron bedstead, easy chair, sideboard, screen, &c.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL OFFICERS' CLUB.

AUCTION SALE of the Valuable Furniture, Glass Plated and Crockery ware, a first-class mahogany Slate Bed Billiard Table, Dry Tiffin, with balls, cues, &c., mahogany and 8 Light Hanging Gas Lamps, Pictures, Books, Garden Plants, Table and Bed Linen, Wines, &c., at the P. & O. Club, on the road leading to the Mazagon Docks.

On WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY next, the 9th and 10th days of April, instant, sale commencing punctually at 1 P.M. both days, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. have received instruction to sell, by Public Auction, the whole of the valuable Furniture, Glass, Plated and Crockery ware of the P. and O. Club, the same comprising neat cut glassware, handsome white and blue dinner service, a large lot of white and blue table dessert, soup and cheese plates, a handsome white and gold transparent dessert service, 6 s of best electro-plated spoons and forks, curryd-her, cruet stands, dish covers and sundry other requisite articles, best steel table cutlery by Mappin Brothers, &c. There is one large dining room, which consists of a large dining table in 6 pieces with 2 spare ends, blackwood arm chairs, folding and single screens, sideboards, hatstand, all of well-seasoned blackwood, also a large iron chair hanging 7 and 6 Bilfaese lamps, a large size Madras coir matting, &c., 1 billiard-room in which there is a first-class solid mahogany slate bed billiard table by Thurston, with ball, cues, &c., complete, a six light bronze billiard gas lamp, blackwood and teakwood high couches and chairs, punkahs, &c., a large reading-room, consisting of 4 elegantly carved well-seasoned blackwood round tables, a large reading table, without arm chairs, lined horsehair cloth, carved bookstands, teapoys, card tables, pier table, rechinnon couches, straight and folding arm easy chairs, all of well seasoned blackwood, flower stands, 6 and 8 light hanging gas lamps, China teapoys, first-rate pictures, American chairs, &c. There are in all 9 bed-rooms each, consisting of iron cots with mattresses, pillow, curtains and blanket, complete, washing and dressing tables, hanging dressing glasses, clothes press, towel horse, a bracket of gas lamp, &c., 3 bath-rooms, dispense and cook-rooms, containing the usual articles of the requisites and furniture, a large lot of valuable teak and other period cals, a large lot of garden plants, table and bed linen, a limited quantity of wines of various descriptions, a large lot of China and cooking ware, &c., &c.

Catalogues are ready and the property is now on view.

SALE OF FRESH OILMANSTORES, from the well known and celebrated makers G. F. Coward & Co., just landed ex s.s. Hilton Philipson.

On WEDNESDAY next, the 9th instant, at 2 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will submit to sale by Public Auction, at their Rooms, an invoice of fresh oilmanstores, comprising 70 packages, consisting of Durham mustard, salad oil, vinegar, assorted pickles, essence of anchovies, Reading, Worcestershire, John Bull, and Harvey sauce, walnut and mushroom catsup, French capers and olives, assorted tart fruits, 3 and 1 lb. assorted jams and jellies, in patent stone jars, assorted candied peel in glass jars, patras currants, Turkey figs, sultana pudding and Muscatel raisins, Jordon almonds, tapioca, pearl barley, Scotch oatmeal, bloater paste, sm ked Yarmouth bloaters, &c., &c.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 7th April 1873.

CAUTION.

BETTS'S PATENT CAPSULES.

The Public are respectfully cautioned that BETTS'S Patent Capsules are being infringed.

BETTS'S name is upon every Capsule he makes for the leading Merchants at Home and Abroad,

and he is the ONLY INVENTOR and SOLE MAKER in the United Kingdom.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SURAT AND GOGO FERRY.

STEAM FERRY (under Contract with Government).—A STEAM FERRY BOAT plies between SURAT and GOGO.

FARES FROM SURAT TO GOGO.

First Class	...	...	Rs. 5 0
Second Class	...	...	... 3 8
Third Class	...	...	... 1 8
Horses	...	...	... 4 0
Carriages	...	...	... 4 0

Until further Notice, the Steam Ferry Boat will leave Gogo every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY, and Surat every TUESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY.

Further particulars can be learnt on application to the Undermentioned Agents :—

FEEROZSHAH SHAPOORJEE at Surat.
DINKER NARRAYEN at Gogo.

Or to the Undersigned at Bombay.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

No 33, Meadow Street, Bombay, 9th October 1872.

SMALL COAL FOR SALE.—SUITABLE for BRICK and LIME BURNING or SMITHS' and ENGINE FIRES. Apply to the AGENT of the NERBUDDA COAL AND IRON COMPANY, Limited, Gadawarra.

4th April 1873.

J. NEUBERG,

GENERAL MERCHANT AND COMMISSION AGENT, BOMBAY.

WINES.

		Rs.
PORT WINE, old, full-bodied	per doz.	24
SHERRY, very Dry,—Green Seal, from Butler & Son.	,,	25
Do. Stout, Rich,—Red Seal	,,	27
Do. Extra fine, Dry.—Yellow Seal	,,	30
Do. Prime Quality, by direct importation from Xeres	,,	20

GERMAN WINES.

STILL HOCK.

		Rs.
MARCOBRUNNER	per doz. quarts	35
NEROBERGER	,, ,,	35
LIEBFRAUMILCH	,, ,,	32
Do.	,, pints	17
RAUENTHALER	,, quarts	32
RUDESHEIMER	,, ,,	24
Do.	,, pints	13
NIERSTEINER	,, quarts	21
BODENHEIMER	,, ,,	18
WALPORZHEIMER (Red)	,, ,,	18
GEISENHEIMER	,, pints	10

CLARET.

By Tn. BICHE-LATOUR, of Bordeaux

MEDOC VIEUX, Breakfast Wine	per doz. quarts	10
Ditto ditto ditto	,, pints	6
PAUILLAC, superior quality	,, quarts	12
Ditto ditto ditto	,, pints	6-8
MARGAUX, a very good Dinner Wine	,, quarts	16
Sr. JULIEN do. do.	,, ,,	18
SAUTERNE, very superior Wine	,, ,,	21

BURGUNDIES,

By J. POIDEVIN PERE, of Beaune.

MONTRACHET, 1862	per doz. quarts	48
POMMARD	,, ,,	24
SAVIGNY	,, ,,	20
BEAUNE	,, ,,	16
CHABLIS	,, ,,	18

CHAMPAGNE.

GRAND VIN DE CABINET, a very superior Dry Wine, by John Neuberg & Co., Rheims.	per doz. quarts	40
SILLERY MOUSSEUX, by Vauban Freres	,, quarts	30
Ditto ditto ditto ditto	,, pints	16

SPARKLING MOSELLE.

Per Doz	quarts	28
Do,	pints	15

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COGNAC VIEUX, A-1 White Label	per doz. Rs.	24
Do. Do. ,, Green Label	,, ,, ,,	27

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In the matter of the ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY ARBITRATION ACT 1871, and in the matter of the ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE is hereby given, that all HOLDERS of POLICIES who PAID a PREMIUM or PREMIUMS in INDIA, under the Order of the Court of Chancery, after 11th August 1869, and have not applied for a return of the same, are required to apply in writing to Mr. C. H. OGBOURNE, of 29, Dalhousie Square, Calcutta, the Agent in India of the undersigned, on or before the 30th day of April, instant, for the return thereof; in default of which the amount unclaimed will be treated as and form part of the General Assets of the Company, and all Claims in respect thereof will be barred.—Dated this first day of April 1873.

By Order of the Arbitrator,

SAMUEL LOWELL PRICE, } Joint Official
JOHN YOUNG, } Liquidators.

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NOTICES.

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MR. WILLIAM J. COEN, PROFESSIONAL BUILDER and GENERAL CONTRACTOR, ART METAL WORKER, &c., has OPENED a BRANCH OFFICE in APOLLO HOUSE, FORT, THIS DATE, where all Orders will meet with immediate attention.

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B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

RETURN TICKETS issued on and after 5TH APRIL to 10TH APRIL, both days inclusive, will be available to RETURN upon any day within ten days of day of issue.

J. R. DUXBURY,
Fort, 2nd April 1873. Traffic Manager.

THE BOMBAY CHESS CLUB.—MEMBERS are informed that the CLUB ROOM, in RAMPART ROW and MEADOW STREET, adjoining the Currency Office, is NOW OPEN.

4th April 1873.

ANY one having CLAIMS against or DEBTS to the ESTATE of the late LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JAMES SINCLAIR, Royal Artillery, are requested to forward the same to the Undersigned on or before the 5th May 1873, after which date no Claims can be taken into consideration.

W. FRENCH, Major, R. A.,
President of Committee of Adjustment.

Colaba, 4th April 1873.

NEW BANK OF BOMBAY (Limited).—NOTICE is hereby given, that the BANK, HER MAJESTY'S GENERAL TREASURY, PUBLIC DEBT OFFICE, and GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK will be CLOSED on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 11th and 12th instant, on account of the EASTER HOLIDAYS.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
M. BALFOUR,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Bombay, 3rd April 1873.

LONDON AND LANCASHIRE LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

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C. J. WALLIS,
Manager for India.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

NOTICE.—The TIME for the RECEIPT of TENDERS for the CONTRACT for COLLECTION and DELIVERY of GOODS and PARCELS at Poona and Sholapore, previously advertised, is EXTENDED to TUESDAY, the 15th April, proximo, to noon, on which day SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Agent's Office.

Full particulars in connection with the Contract can be obtained at the Traffic Offices in Bombay, Poona, and Sholapore.

H. P. LEMESURIER, Agent.

Company's Offices, Bombay, 29th March 1873.

THE MANOCKJEE PETIT'S SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANY.—NOTICE is hereby given, that a DIVIDEND of Rs. 75 per Share, or at the rate of 7½ per cent. on paid-up Capital, will be paid to the Shareholders on and after the 9th instant. Shareholders are requested to produce the Share Certificates when applying for Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the above Company will be CLOSED from TO-MORROW the 3rd, to 20th inst

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SATURDAY, 5TH APRIL 1873.

EXCHANGE on London has been quiet at slightly lower rates for 3 months' Credit, but 6 months' Bills have hardly had any alteration, the tendency however is in favour of sellers, and for to-day the rates close weak.

Government Paper remains firm at quotations.

Bank Bills, 6 months' sight.....1s. 11⅛d. to 1s. 11 13/32d.
Credit Bills, do. .....1s. 11⅛d. to 1s. 11 21/32d.
Documents, do. .....1s. 11 11/16d. to 1s. 11⅞d.
Bank Bills, 3 months' sight.....1s. 11 5/16d.
Credit. do. .....1s. 11⅛d. 1s. 11 7/16d.
Documents, do. .....1s. 11 7/16d. 1s. 11⅛d.
Bank Bills, demand .....1s. 10⅞d.

On Calcutta Bank Bills, 60 days' sight. 99⅞
Do. demand..... 100 3/16

On Madras, 30 days' sight .....99½ nominal.
Do. demand..... 100

On China Hong Bills, 60 days' sight. 225 to 225½

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Five-and-a-half per cent. 116⅝
Four & half per cent. ... ...104½ to 104⅝
Four per cent. 102½
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Paris Municipal Loan (Debenture Rs. 117) per Bond.....115.

Rates of discount at New Bank of Bombay—

Loans on Government Paper on demand.....			4½ per cent.
Fixed Loans on	do.	to 3 months'	5½ ,,
Do.	do.	over 3 do.	6½ ,,
Do. on Merchandise			7½ ,,
Cash Credit	do.	to 3 months'	6½ ,,
Do.	do.	over 3 do.	6½ ,,
Do.	do.	.....	7½ ,,
Bank Bills			6½ ,,
Mercantile Paper			8½ ,,

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns, each ... ...Rs. 10-8-6 to 10-9
Carolas 290
Mexican Dollars 222
Five-France Pieces 221½
Bar Silver... ... ... 52½
Gold Leaf 16-12
Bar Gold 10 oz. English 100 touch 16-14
Australian Gold ... ... 100 touch ... ... 16-13-6 to 16-14

FREIGHT REPORT.

SATURDAY EVENING.

FREIGHTS.—The market has been dull and little business has been done to-day. The ship Mabel secured 4,000 bales for Liverpool at £2-12-6 early May shipment. Several ships have been offered to arrive at £2-10-0. Consignees of "Canal Steamers" demand £2-18-9 for Liverpool, but shippers refuse to pay more than £2-17-6 to £2-16-3; and without more is doing next week it is not difficult to foresee who will succeed.

London ... {Cotton ..... / Cases ..... / Seeds ..... } No ships.
Liverpool {Iron Ships Cotton ..... £2 12s. 6d. to £2 15s. 0d. p.t.nl / Wooden Ships ,, ... £2 12s. 6d. p.t.nl / Myrabollams ..... £1 15s. 0d. / Coir bills ..... £0 12s. 6d. / Seeds ..... £2 7s. 6d. nominal.
Havre ... {Cotton ..... / Coffee ..... } £2 17s. 6d.
Overland Steamers—
Venice £3
Trieste ..... £3 2s. 6d.
Liverpool £3
Havre..... £3 5s.
Liverpool via Suez Canal ..... £2 17s. 6d. to £2 18s. 6d.
China ... {Steamer Cotton ..... Rs. 8 per bale. / Opium ..... Rs. 25 to 30 per chest. / Sailing Ships ..... Rs. 6 per bale nominal.
Calcutta ...Salt ..... Rs. 5 per ton.
Calcutta to Bombay..... {s.s. Rs. 19 p. ton.; ship Rs. 18 p. ton and Calcutta Port charges.
Mauritius ..... Nothing doing.

SALES AND PURCHASES.

PIECE GOODS.

The market closed quiet but unchanged. The following sales are reported to have been made by European firms on Saturday :—

500	pieces	Grey Shirting	40 in.	39 yds.	7 lbs.	at Rs.	4 13 0
503	,,	,, ,,	40 ,,	39 ,,	8 ,,	at ,,	5 12 0
750	,,	,, ,, com.	40 ,,	39 ,,	6 ,,	at ,,	4 3 0
500	,,	,, ,,	40 ,,	29 ,,	7 ,,	at ,,	4 13 0
1,000	,,	White Jaconets	40 ,,	20 ,,	at Rs. 2 11 ,,		3 15 0
300	,,	,, ,,	40 ,,	20 ,,		at ,,	2 5 0
300	,,	,, ,,	40 ,,	20 ,,		at ,,	2 9 0
300	,,	,, ,,	40 ,,	20 ,,		at ,,	2 13 0
300	,,	,, ,,	40 ,,	20 ,,		at ,,	3 1 0
300	,,	,, ,,	40 ,,	20 ,,		at ,,	3 5 0
1,500	,,	Grey Madapollams	32 ,,	24 ,,	3 lbs.	at ,,	2 2 6

COTTON.

Owing to the unwillingness of purchasers, a very small business was done on Saturday, and prices ruled in favour of buyers. The following purchases are reported to have been made by European firms on Saturday :—

150 candies	New Veravul	Ready	at Rs. 190-92
50 ,,	,, ,,	,,	at ,, 189
50 ,,	,, Mowa	,,	at ,, 218-19½
100 ,,	,, Broach	15 days	at ,, 245
25 ,,	,, Cutch	Ready	at ,, 209
25 ,,	,, Jaigaum F. P. B.	,,	at ,, 207
50 ,,	,, Oomrawuttee	,,	at ,, 214

Below we give our closing quotations :—

New Oomrawuttee (Ready) .....at Rs. 212 to Rs. 213
,, Akote ,, ...at ,, 219 to ,, 220
,, Broach M. G. ,, ...at ,, 245 to ,, 246
,, Hinguughaut ,, ...at ,, 238 to ,, 242
,, Dhollera (May delivery) .....at ,, 215 to ,, 216

YARNS.

The market has been steady, but no change in rates. The following sales are reported :—

2,100	,, Water	No. 40's	at 13 7/16as. per lb.
1,800	lbs. Turkey Red	No. 40's	at 25½ ,,
6,000	,, ,,	No. 40's	at 25 3/8 ,,
3,000	,, ,,	No. 20's	at 24 ,,

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

INQUIRIES for Alliance Spinning Shares continue to increase; other Spinning and Bank of Bombay shares closed firm.

BANKS.

No. of Shares	Nominal value of Sh.	Paid up.	Last dividend.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. a.		
100,000	100	all	5 p.ct.	Agra Bank.....	83
22,000	1,000	all	6 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,400
50,000	500	all	5 p.ct.	Do of Bombay New ...	538½
10,000	500	100	5 p.ct.	Do 2nd Res. Issue	530
5,250	1,000	all	5 p.ct.	Do of Madras	1,170
10,000	250	all	8 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk of I. L. & China	250
40,000	281½	all	12 pct.	Hong. & Shanghai Bank	410 nl.
40,000	200	all	Nil.	Chartered Bk. of I. & C.	120
37,090	250	125	4 p.ct.	National Bank of India..	110
10,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	450

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

.....	£20	21 8-3 0	p.c.	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	23½
.....	£20	10 9 1 8	do.	Do. New £20 Shares	126
.....	£20	13 10 7	do.	Ditto	.....
.....	£100	1,00	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1,125
.....	£18	19 6 5 1	do.	Do. New Shares	215

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	3,000	all	Rs. 77	Colaba Land Co.....	1,455
8,000	150	all	Nil.	Frere Land & Pier Co. Ld.	110
750	2,000	2,000	31p.s.	Mazagon Land	880
6,000	1,000	all	15p.s.	Port Canning Land Company, Limited	455

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

400	2,000	1,700	150p.s.	Albert Mills Co.....	1,750
600	1,250	all	80p.s	Alexandra Spinning	1,225
500	2,500	all	100*	Alliance Spinning	2,560
100	5,500	all	...	Bombay	2,800
900	1,000	all	25*	Bombay United	980
800	150	150	25*	Broach Mills	230
2,500	2,000	all	...	Dharumsey Spinning	1,335
750	2,000	all	200p.s	Great Eastern	2,000
2,500	1,000	all	140p.s	Manockji Petit's	1,145
900	1,000	all	40 p.s	Morarjee Spinning	1,015
800	2,500	all	100 p.s	Oriental	2,980
600	2,500	2,400	116p.s	Royal	2,000
90	1,000	all	...	Soonderdas Spinning ...	1,160

* Per share for the half-year.

PRESS COMPANIES.

150	5,000	2,850	225 p.s	Akbar Cotton Press Co...	2,150
200	2,000	1,100	150do.	Albert Co. Kurrachee.....	820
100	5 0	all	10 p.ct.	Albert king Co.....	550
250	3,000	850	Nil.	Alexandra Press Co.....	240
150	12,000	11,000	100 p.s.	Apollo Press Co.....	6,900
200	2,000	all	200p.s.	Bombay Press Co.....	1,675
200	500	all	50 p.s.	Do New.....	400
350	1,000	1,000	100 p.s.	Broach Cotton Co	840
150	1,500	...	...	Carwar Company.....	1,150
500	1,880	all	40	Colaba Press Co.....	5,650
350	9,000	all	250p.s.	East India Press Co.....	2,800 nl.
150	8,500	all	500	Fort Press Co.....	6,800
300	2,000	1,800	75 p.s	Framji Cowasji Press Co.	715
300	1,000	all	200 p.s	French Press Co	725
2	6,000	6,000	220 p.s	Hydraulic Press Co.....	2,150
250	5,000	1,467	75 p.s	Imperial Press Co.....	850
200	400	350	425 p.s	Mofussil Press & G. Co...	635
120	2,500	all	250 p.s	Prince of Wales Press.....	2,200
200	1,000	250	...	Sassoon's Press Co.....	400
400	850	750	135 p.s	Scinde Press Co.....	485
100	1,000	750	...	Scind and Punjaub Cotton Press Co., Limited.....	1,140
225	2,000	1,000	250*	Victoria Press, Madras..	1,175
150	850	all	8 p.ct.	Vic. Cot. Gin & Press Co.	1,000

Per share for the half-year.

MISCELLANEOUS.

.....	2,500	1,500	105p.s.	Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	1,380
50,000	50	all	4½ p.ct.	Bombay Gas Company ...	55
500	500	300	15 ps.	Landing and Shipping Co. of Kurrachee Ld...	150
2,150	200	100	7 p.c.	Malabar Company Ld....	102
1,000	50	all	1½ ps.	Mechanics B'ld'gs Co. ...	25
2,000	500	all	40 ps.	Treacher & Co	460
2,000	250	all	40 ps	Viegas Patent Slip Co ...	60

CALCUTTA.—2ND APRIL.

The following transactions were reported :—
In Government Securities :—
4 per cents, at Rs. 102-2, and small sums at 2 to 4 annas higher.
4½ per cents. of 1872, at Rs. 104-2.
5½ per cents, at Rs. 110-4.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVAL.

April.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
5	Java (s)	Arun	Calcutta, March 13.
6	Ourun (s)	Necoda	Cutch, April 3.
	Sjaelland (s)	Holm	Put back from sea.

DEPARTURES.

April.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
5	Baroda (s)	Reynoldson ...	Australia.
	Royal Alexandra	Browning	Liverpool.
	Ville du Temple	Plesson	Calcutta.
	Pembrokeshire	Wilkinson	Madras.
	Mahi	Acoda	Cochin and Colombo.
	Arabia (s)	Lang	Coast, Calcutta and China.
	Phlox (s)	Baker	Coast and Carwar.
	Rustom (s)	Pead	Coast and Cutch.

The barque T. F. Whitton, Blanchard, to Moulmein, obtained her port clearance on Saturday last.

The following vessels were entered out for loading on Saturday last :—
Steamer Lorne, to Liverpool.
Ship Athens, to New York.

MADRAS.

ARRIVAL.

April 2 Orissa (s) ..... Suez.

DEPARTURE.

April 2 Orissa (s) ..... Calcutta.

DAILY IMPORTS.—5TH APRIL.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Stephensons s, 648 bundles nail-rod iron, H. Allibhoy.

FROM LONDON.

British Statesman, 10 cases sherry, Payne & Co ; 200 cases cognac, C. Palmer & Co.

Callihoe, 25 cases still hock, Payne & Co.

Yeddo s, 15 bales paper, A. H. Lookmanjee ; 10 cases varnish, H. D. Fisher & Co., 45 casks beer, E. Pallonjee ; 20 barrels rosin, H. Allibhoy ; 138 cases champagne, C. Palmer & Co.

Crosby s, 18 cases oilmanstores, D. Abdoolhoosan ; 200 cases brandy, E. Rustomjee Mocdy ; 92 cases porter, J. Nowrojee.

Gresham s, 29 cases oilmanstores, A. K. Shurriffally.

Lorne s, 94 casks pale ale, J. Nowrojee.

DAILY EXPORTS.—5TH APRIL.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Phaeton, 30 cwts. old iron, T. A. Soolamanjee ; 1,000 bundles galls, M. Jethe.

Octavia, 92 bales cotton, G. Puddumsey, 53 bales cotton, T. Dawarakdass.

Thunderbolt, 52 bales cotton, John Campbell & Co.

Clara, 60 bales cotton, R. Valjee ; 176 bags linseed, S. Bbanjee ; 600 bags linseed, P. Desur.

Ambrose, 800 bales cotton, F. Muir & Co. ; 500 bales cotton, Gaddum & Co.

Atholl s, 84 bales wool, H. Varonjee and V. Dewchund.

Gresham s, 509 bales cotton, F. Muir & Co. ; 100 bales cotton, Lyon & Co. ; 5 bales cotton, Lawrence & Co. ; 1 bale cotton, the London A. & A. Co. ; 30 bales wool, K. Ramjee.

Ravensworth Castle, s, 9 bales hides R. Hemrez ; 6 bales hides, F. Cassumbhoy ; 100 bales cotton H. Clason & Co. ; 5 chests dry dinger, and 99 bundles nuxvomica, N. Govindjee.

Bangalese, s, 200 bales cotton, G. Madowjee & Co. ; 110 bales cotton, G. Heerjee & Co. ; 142 bales cotton, C. Premjee ; 100 bales cotton, John Campbell & Co ; 54 bales cotton, G. Lilladhur.

Yeddo s, 100 bales cotton, F. Scott & Co. ; 15 bales cotton, A. T. Essoobhoy ; 6 bales cotton, Wallace & Co.

Lorne s, 70 tons old iron, W. Nicol & Co. ; 1,000 bundles myrabollams, R. Brothers.

Stephenson s, 2,100 bundles coir yarn, N. Govindjee.

Wimbledon s, 80 tons old iron, W. Nicol & Co.

Khedive s, 50 bales wool, C. Ebram.

FOR LONDON.

Khedive s, 5 bundles E. teeth, S Durvesh.

FOR HAVRE.

Fluellin, 500 bundles linseed, S. Tyebjee & Co. ; 75 bales cotton, W. Nicol & Co.

Khedive s, 100 bales cotton, G. Lockhart & Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Memfi s, 100 bales cotton, G. Sigg & Co. ; 200 bales cotton Peel Cassels & Co. ; 100 bales cotton, V. Brothers & Co. ; 50 bales cotton, W. Nicol & Co. ; 100 bales cotton, K. Preiswerck & Co.

FOR VENICE.

Memfi s, 100 bales cotton, G. Sigg & Co.

FOR SUEZ.

Elora s, 1 case shawl and handkerchief, H. Ottolla.

FOR NEW YORK.

Athena, 15,000 bags linseed, Ralli Brothers.

FOR HONGKONG.

Cathay s, 1 box real coral, F. Amejibhoy ; 2 bales cotton, E. Noordin and Co. ; 29 chests opium, K. Nopechund ; 50 chests opium, E. D Sassoon ; 1 case cambay stone, A. Badroodin & Co. ; 50 bales twist E. Noordin & Co. ; 40 bales twist, 200 bales cotton J. Peerbhoy ; 4 bales cotton, E. Nuserwanjee ; 1 box silver coin, H. E. H Habib ; 7 bundles horns, 1 bag cumminseed, and 1 bag sumoodeefin, E. F. Momed; 57 bales cotton, K. Sitaldass; 17 chests opium, H. A. Esmail & Co. ; 11 chests opium, H. E. H. Habib ; 6 chests opium, H. A. Esmail & Co. ; 13 chest opium, E. Dadabhoy Lungra & Co. ; 16 chests opium, R. Alladinbhoy.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Cathay s, 4 chests opium, M. Malloo.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—APRIL 3.

Geoghegan, Assistant Surgeon, 83rd Regiment, on sick leave, from Sattara.

APRIL 4.

Tool, Captain, Deolalee Depot, on leave, from Deolalee.
Lizard, Colonel, Bengal Staff Corps, on furlough, from Meerut.

APRIL 5.

Katch, Colonel, Royal Artillery, on duty, from Poona.

DEPARTURES.—APRIL 5.

Baikes, Lieutenant, Staff Corps, on duty, to Baroda.
Baugh, Lieutenant, Commandant 9th Regiment N. I., on leave, to Matheran.
Chapman, Major, Staff Corps, on leave, to Matheran.
Turner, Colonel, 17th Bengal Regiment, on leave, to Australia.
Gardiner, Captain, 8th Regiment N. I., to rejoin, to Poona.

APRIL 6.

Geoghegan, Assistant Surgeon, 83rd Regiment, to rejoin, to Sattara.

The following officers will leave to-day for England :—
Mulcahy, Lieutenant, 25th Regiment, on sick leave.
Pryce, Lieutenant, Madras Staff Corps, on sick leave.
Dixon, Quarter Master, 55th Regiment, on sick leave.
Sylvester, Surgeon Major, Indian Medical Department, on furlough.

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ROSS—March 30th, at Sahebgunge, the wife of Mr. C. Ross, of a daughter.
WATSON—April 2nd, at Calcutta, the wife of Mr. W. H. Watson, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

McMURPHY—MOONEY—March 31st, at St. Thomas' Church, Dehra, Donald McMurphy, to Frances Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Mooney, Esq., Kowlaghur Tea Plantation, Dehra Doon.
SMYTH—CASS—March 29th, at St. Luke's Church, Jullundur, Captain Charles Masterman Smyth, H. M.'s 70th (The Surrey) Regiment, to Anne Elizabeth, only daughter of William Reader Cass, Esq., of Bredington, York.
WHITE—EADE—April 2nd, at Trinity Church, Allahabad, by the Rev. G. T. Dennis, M.A., Civil Chaplain, John White, second son of Joseph White, Esq., Peckham, to Clara Maria, eldest daughter of Robert Eade, Esq., Ipswich, Suffolk.

DEATHS.

DARLING—March 31st, at Bellary, after a short illness, Ella Margaret, infant daughter of Robert Darling, Esq., aged 5 months.
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MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1873.

WHEN the Municipal Bill was being trotted through its legal stages, one of the reasons assigned for the undue haste with which it was pushed forward by the Legislative Council, was that it might come into operation at the beginning of the year. It was, we suppose, perceived by Government that the alteration which was to be effected in the constitution of the corporation would cause all interest in the existing corporation to cease and determine at once, and that the body of Justices would not care how soon they were relieved of their public corporate duties and their place supplied by the new corporation. If this was the view which induced the Government members of the Legislative Council to hurry forward the Bill, the event has proved that they have rightly judged the Bench. All interest in municipal affairs has ceased beyond even the anticipations of Government, and the Municipal Commissioner has the course all to himself, he may now enjoy his "walk over" at every meeting that may take place until the formation of the new corporation. Since the beginning of the year, the only notable business in which the Bench of Justices has been engaged was the war of the salaries. The Toolsee discussion is not worth mentioning, as it did not bring up or cause to be brought up the powerful voting forces of the Bench. It is impossible to muster these forces for any really public purpose. Neither a water nor a drainage scheme, nor both combined, would now command a quorum of the Bench, except indeed it be one of those quorums which the law allows to be sufficient after a previously convened meeting had failed to bring twenty-five Justices together in the Durbar room, and to constitute which one Justice appears to be sufficient. We are not quite sure whether the Municipal Commissioner is not himself a sufficient quorum at such a *meeting*. The word "meeting" under the Act would be fully satisfied if the Commissioner were to *meet* the Clerk of the Peace, and that it would be an "extraordinary meeting" of the Bench of Justices admits of no doubt whatever. We say then that the voting forces of the Bench cannot be brought together for any really public purpose, nor can the talking members or the practical members be induced to do their duty as they did before the passing of the new Municipal Bill. Everything is stagnant if not quite dead. There is in fact no existing municipal government, the machinery is all out of joint, and nobody is responsible for anything. There is virtually an interregnum which is becoming a long vacation. And this is a condition of affairs which is very undesirable, view it as we may. On the one hand it is possible to plunge the city into enormous debt and to bind it to the most absurd schemes, and on the other hand it is possible to let the city drift into trouble. To give an example of the latter we may instance the removal of the night soil depot from Boree Bunder. The Bench is pledged to carry out this work, but there is no Bench. Half a dozen Justices may be collected at a meeting to consider this matter, but we very much doubt whether they would like to vote a large sum of money away in a manner which could not well be defended. It is possible, too, for all sorts of unbudgeted expenditure to be voted away at present, as has already been done on more than one occasion.

While this state of stagnation lasts the city is in danger, is in fact misgoverned. This should not be, and we gather from the haste in which the Municipal Bill was pushed on by the Council, that it was not intended to be. It was certainly never intended that there should be the *long vacation* which has already existed. As far as we have any means of knowing, there is no immediate probability of the new Municipal Act coming into operation. For all that we know it may be deferred until next year. If this should happen, who would be found willing to enter the corporation? Not any man who cared a straw for his reputation we should think.

We cannot too strongly urge upon Government the necessity of doing something to put a speedy termination to the existing state of municipal misrule. We do not hear many complaints from the public about the way the corporation is going on, probably because it is expected the new corporation will be immediately formed, and not because there is really nothing to complain about. Instead of there being nothing to be done, the corporation was never more wanted than now, and the sooner the city begins the experiment of trying to work the new Act, the sooner will it be known whether our legislators have succeeded in ascertaining the form of local government that is best adapted for Bombay, or whether they have misunderstood the people and prepared an Act which must collapse the moment it is subjected to the ordinary pressure of business.

AMONG all the recent as well as the more distant writers on the conditions of civilization in the various nations of the world, it is remarkable how few have accepted the state of the agricultural population as the most important evidence of advancement or retrogression. Most travellers of our times rush through the great cities of the countries they visit and deduce from their condition the stage at which the civilization of the land has arrived. This is partly due to the rapidity at which people travel in these days, but more to the readiness of the public to accept such deductions as accurate. In India its critics hurry through the great capitals, inspect the newest buildings, admire the certainly wonderful evidences of the great energy of their countrymen, converse with a few varnished natives, and write exhaustive books on the "teeming millions" of Hindostan. Even in Europe but few do much more. Except M. Esquiros, we know of no French critic who has taken the trouble to study the habits and characters of the rural English population. How many only visit London and the great manufacturing towns, thinking themselves sufficiently well-informed, after that feat, to write didactic criticisms on the whole English people.

As England is not an appanage of France, and is not governed by a French viceroy, this does not much matter. It is different, however, when the ruling nation receives its impressions of its greatest dependencies from such critics. Unfortunately there is a rooted prejudice in England against reading the lucubrations of those most experienced in the working of the great rural population. The Anglo-Indian has a bad name, and one which is the aversion of the period. It is settled that he is a "bore," and worse can be said of no man. In these days men want their information lightly cooked, and they get so very much of light food, that they rebel against what is really wholesome. When we know what the public reads, and what it accepts as fact, it really makes us ashamed of "public opinion" on unfamiliar questions. People believe in "gup" or in Miss Eden's books, when by the way she mentions the "melodious lowing of the camels" or anything which combines instruction with amusement. India is India, not several distinct and inimical races, but one large country where the people are black, and you can't tell one from the other, and where it is very hot indeed. That one nation in this vast continent requires a totally different set of laws and a different manner of government to another is seldom realised, even in the great governing body, the two Houses. This is very sad no doubt, and as no one will listen to the competent Anglo-Indian, very discouraging. It is curious how people will accept the evidence of town civilisation when it comes from other countries, though they are so thoroughly aware of the immense gulf between the two—town and country—in England. The life in a great city, the extent of its culture, the character of its inhabitants, are as totally and distinctly opposed to those of the agricultural districts as their physique. The Londoner and the Somersetshire labourer are two perfectly distinct races, not understanding one another's languages, having no amusements and no pursuits in common. Surely no one would suppose that the Londoner represents in his manners, physique, opinions, &c., the manners and general intelligence of the major part of England. Nevertheless such is the system on which England judges of India. That school of what the Irish call "blather" the "Bombay Association," sends home two varnished and clever members from Bombay, the most advanced city in India, to represent their country! The great revenue of this country is derived from the agricultural portion of its inhabitants, not from the great towns. In England we have town members and county members, on the principle that it requires one man to represent the town, and another to represent the county. We do not say that the system is strictly carried out, but that is the meaning of it. To represent the interests of India, Bombay sends two essentially metropolitan productions brimful of the ideas of a certain class, and a certain clique of that class, as fit to exemplify the teeming millions, as Jones or Brown of Camberwell would be to represent the agricultural population of England. Much that is frothy, much that is shallow, has come out of that windy society, but this is the "finis" which crowns the work. The wealth of the great towns is no doubt a sign of the wealth of the country, but it is no guarantee that the wealth of the rural districts is equally or fairly distributed. Neither is it a proof of the advance in civilization of the interior. Manchester, representatively, creates the large cities, but the fact that Manchester goods are to be seen in the rular districts, in every village, is no evidence that those villagers are any better off than they used to be. It merely shows that Manchester goods are cheaper than home-made, and that Manchester must be making much money. The great intermediate traders pat the ryots on the back, and say "we have sold you "much long-cloth and have supplied the tradesmen who supply you, therefore we know all "about you. We are sending to England two "of our most highly varnished citizens who "will arrange all your financial affairs for "you, and who, being especially town-bred "men, are peculiarly competent to judge of "what is necessary for you." And when these men reach England they will be received with open arms as representatives of India; and people will say "what singularly "intelligent men these Indians are." And they will write much blatant stuff, and people will gush, oh how plentifully, over them. "Unas"suming youths" (who ought to be horse-whipped and would be if they were English and not wretched varnished creatures) will write more trash, and people who so readily detect an imposter among their own countrymen, will wonder at the march of intellect. To our mind nothing is so loathsome as that assumption of any burden, which an honest, modest man would tremble to bear. Some great disaster will happen before the people of England will look below the surface, and will cease to trust not only questions of Indian finance, great as they are, but greater questions still, to frothy babblers, of whom Odger and the Union leaders are the representatives in England among the lower classes, and the Associations and "unassuming "youths," in India, among the unhappily leading native classes. In a future number we will treat of the actual condition of the agricultural classes.

NOTES OF THE DAY.

WE see it stated that Mr. Venayekrao

nanied Service?—The thing would be much more manageable; the commencing salaries would be much lower, and the natives being in their own in country would be much more easily got rid of if necessary.

I presume from your evidence that you think the only way of getting the Government of India to pay a little more attention to the solemn pledges is to take some action in Parliament by bringing pressure upon them?—Undoubtedly. Parliament began to give solemn pledges in 1833, and from the Acts since passed it would be well if they were acted upon.

With regard to the Council, I understand from your answers that you think it has so entirely failed in its purposes that there is no chance of improving it, and that you think the best thing is to abolish it altogether?—I would abolish it altogether and appoint two well paid and selected Under-Secretaries.

That would be a considerable saving to the revenues of India?—Yes, very large.

Have you considered another advantage, namely, that it would diminish the power of Government in the way of influencing Indian judgment in Parliament by means of dangling an appointment to the Indian Council before the eyes of members? No doubt; I think the Secretary of State ought to be responsible.

The Chairman—You say "no doubt," but have you any reason to suppose that it is a fact that Government does so influence the judgment of members by dangling these appointments before them?—No, no; I did not mean to say that: I do not think that the evils to which it has been my duty to call attention are owing to any abuse of patronage.

(*To be continued.*)

TOOTH-BRUSHES AND DENTIFRICE FOR H. M. S. DALHOUSIE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Immediately after the Regatta on Saturday afternoon last, an incident occurred that deserves to be brought to the notice of the authorities of the Bombay Marine. A party of ladies and gentlemen were amusing themselves with a moonlight cruise in the harbour and were indulging, to a moderate extent, in music and singing. On passing H. M. S. *Dalhousie* (print the name large, Sir, please) their mirth was suddenly interrupted by a voice from the afterpart of the vessel, apparently from one of the port cabins or the poop, demanding, in a most insulting tone, what the party meant by "kicking up a row" in the neighbourhood of the ship. On one of the gentlemen in the boat enquiring who it was that had addressed them, such a filthy expletive was shouted in reply as would have disgraced the forecastle of the most depraved ship in the world, and one which must so have defiled the mouth of the utterer that oceans of water and shiploads of dentifrice would be insufficient for its purification. It was only the presence of the ladies in the boat and the fear of exposing them to further annoyance that prevented an immediate boarding of the vessel, and saved the culprit from the personal chastisement he so richly deserved. It is to be hoped that this will meet the eye of the Superintendent of Marine or the officer commanding H. M. S. Dalhousie, and that strict enquiry will result in the detection and punishment of the offender, who is a disgrace to the vessel and the service to which he belongs. YACHTSMAN.

THE RIOT AT THE TOWERS OF SILENCE.

We have received several letters from Parsee correspondents complaining of a sentence in the description published by us on Saturday of the riot at the Towers of Silence which stated that there was a room in which the dead bodies of Parsees were smeared with ghee and then laid out to be licked by dogs. We can well imagine that such a statement of what is not true is calculated to offend the Parsee community, but there are few Parsees, we hope, who will believe that the sentence was written with the intention of sneering at the Parsee religion. The fact is that the writer of the description of what took place was informed that there was such a custom at the Towers of Silence, and knowing that his informant would not intentionally misinform him, stated it as a fact. For the statement itself and the pain it may have caused the Parsee community, we can do no less than express our sincere regret. But while we have received one or two sensible letters on the subject, we are sorry, for the sake of the Parsee community itself, that we have also received some very silly ones. One written by a contractor, evidently from his style a well-educated man, goes so far as to tell us that the report was one-sided, that it was a "romance constructed with no end of abusive epithets," which charges any one who has read the report knows to be untrue. He then gives his opinion that the land really belongs to the Parsee Punchayet; this question of the ownership is one which can only be dealt with satisfactorily by the civil courts, but we may *en passant* remark that the conduct of the Parsee Punchayet, or those who appeared to be acting for that body, in defying the law, and for this purpose engaging the services of Seedees, Purdasees, and general riff-raff, can have no sensible man's commendation. It is entering the region of the ridiculous, but we are so much amused with it that we cannot help mentioning that our irate contractor correspondent makes it an article of blame against the police that buggies were not provided to take the prisoners to the police station! What next? Truly we do not believe that such an idea would have occurred to any one in any other part of the world. The following is the most sensible letter we have received on the subject:—

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I wish the account in your to-day's issue of the Towers of Silence riots had not been disfigured by the nonsensical sentence about "the room where the Parsees generally place their dead to be licked by dogs" &c. Many of my caste people believe that the sentence has been put in print in spite of knowledge about its untruth simply to degrade the Parsee religion in the eyes of those who do not profess it, and to satisfy the *Gazette's* grudge against natives as a class. I know better than to believe this stuff; I know that the *Gazette* has earned a bad name among us simply because it criticises our shortcomings now and then in deservedly severe terms, and so it is my conviction that you put in this sentence believing in its truth and that you will have no objection to acknowledge your error. Let me assure you and all your readers as a Parsee that not only is there no room close to our *dokhma* for the licking of our dead by dogs, but the action itself would be reckoned by us to have polluted the holy corpse, and to necessitate fresh ceremonies.

Hoping you have not ere this received angrier letters on the subject from the touchy youngsters of my community— W.

One or two of our correspondents have been ungenerous enough to suppose that the sentence was written notwithstanding a certain knowledge on the part of the writer that what he was writing was untrue, and one asserts that no man in Bombay but our reporter could be ignorant of the use for which dogs are wanted in Parsee houses when a person is dying. We believe not one European in a hundred knows really why a dog is wanted, and therefore we have put the question to a highly respectable Parsee gentleman, who thus answers it:—

"As far as I can know anything of the custom from personal observation, it is this. The body of a Parsee, when life is extinct, is taken down from his room to the ground floor; it is washed and purified and laid in clean white clothes on slabs of stone placed in a corner. A tumbler light is placed at a short distance from it. Before the removal of the body to the Towers of Silence, two Parsee priests stand in the door-way and say certain prayers. It is at two, or perhaps three, intervals during the repetition of these prayers that a dog (which is kept ready outside the house) is taken in by a person, who lifts it up in his hands in order to keep it under proper restraint, and so holds it at a distance from the body that the dog may look at it. As soon as the animal has cast a look at the body, it is instantly taken out of the house. The body is then transferred to an iron bier and is carried to the Towers of Silence. This is the whole of the ceremony; and a dog is no longer required. The bier is carried close up to the particular tower of silence (for there are six or seven of them on the hill) in which it is to be placed. The bier is laid on the ground, and the face of the dead one is uncovered to allow the members of the funeral procession to take a last look at it. All persons except the bearers then retire to a covered place to say their prayers; the iron door of the tower, which is fastened with a padlock, is opened; and the body is taken in. Nothing more is done with the body. I can imagine what the superstition about the dog ceremony may be. Of all animals the eye-sight of the dog is, among the Parsees, believed to be so holy and so far free from earthly impurity, as to be able to discern the presence of the Evil Spirit on earth. Thus, while the priests are praying in the door-way, the dog is made to look at the dead body with the notion that its purifying, sacred glance would drive the Evil Spirit away from its vicinity. When the funeral procession is about to start, a Parsee boy employed at the Towers of Silence, who attends at the house of the deceased, is given two or three loaves of bread and a small quantity of ghee (the latter tied up in a green leaf of a tree). When the boy reaches the Parsee dharmsalla at the foot of the hill on which the Towers of Silence stand, he applies the ghee to pieces of bread and distributes them among the dogs that abound at the dharmsalla. I can suppose that this practice may possibly have led to a misapprehension."

THE CASE OF THE PARSEE RIOTERS AT THE TOWERS OF SILENCE.

Out of the three or four hundred Parsees Persian Parsees, and others, who caused a riot near the Towers of Silence at Malabar Hill and committed mischief by the destruction of property, on Friday last, seventy-five persons were placed before Mr. Cooper at the Girgaum Police Court on Saturday to answer charges of rioting and committing mischief. The charges were laid under sections 147 and 425 of the Indian Penal Code. From an early hour a large mass of Parsees had collected in the compound of the Court, and when the time for the hearing of the case approached, the throng was so excessive that the avenues were blocked up, though these were guarded by policemen who were ranged from the steps of the outer verandah to the top of the staircase. No one was allowed to go into the Court whose presence was not required in connection with the case; but those who could not find standing-room in the compound, got on to the upper storey of a house opposite the Court. As a necessary consequence of the presence of such a vast crowd, their hum and buzz filled the Court. The accommodation in the Court was very small, there being hardly room enough for the counsel and solicitors of the prisoners to sit at the table opposite the Bench, while Reporters of the Press had to be turned out of the places which they had selected as the best for hearing the proceedings, and were placed in a corner in the rear, where they had constantly to prick up their ears to catch the sense of what was said. A chair was an article most difficult to get. Indeed, one of the solicitors present had to fight for one and failed to secure it after all, although he subsequently was fortunate enough to get another. The dock was too small to hold even a tithe of the number of prisoners; and they had to be made to squat on the floor behind the dock in a long line, three deep. Mr. Souter and Mr. Vincent sat on the bench throughout the proceedings. Mr. Ferguson, instructed by Mr. Peile, jun., appeared for the prosecution. Mr. Starling and Mr. Leith, instructed by Messrs. Craigie, Lynch, and Owen, appeared for Pestonjee Nusserwanjee Kaka and other defendants; Mr. Jefferson for Cowasjee Sorabjee; Mr. Sorabjee Bejonjee, pleader, for Cowasjee Bhickajee and two others; and Mr. Chalk for some other defendants.

Before the proceedings commenced, Mr. Jefferson said he was under the impression that a court of justice is open to the public; and he was surprised to find that his clerk was prevented by the police from coming into Court.

Mr. Starling said the same thing happened to the clerk who was instructing him.

Mr. Chalk—My clerk was prevented from coming, but I was not with him at the time.

The Magistrate—How is that? Those connected with the case should not be prevented from coming into the Court. Are all the defendants represented?

Mr. Chalk—I should imagine not. Some seventy-six are charged, out of which some forty-five only are represented. Perhaps we cannot go to-day so far as the cross-examination of the informant; and it may be necessary to know what the case for the prosecution is.

Mr. Ferguson—I should ask that before witnesses are examined, the names of the prisoners should be called out; otherwise an objection may be made subsequently that they have not been identified.

The clerk called out the names of the defendants.

Mr. Ferguson then opened the case for the prosecution. The prisoners were charged with rioting under section 147 and, secondly, with committing mischief under section 425 of the Penal Code. The first head of charge is that of rioting, which is defined by the Code as an assembly of five or more persons if the common object of the persons composing that assembly is to commit any mischief, or criminal trespass, or other offence. Then section 146 says—"Whenever force or violence is used by an unlawful assembly, or by any member thereof, in prosecution of the common object of such assembly, every member of such assembly is guilty of the offence of rioting." The learned counsel said that all the persons before the Court, to the number of five and upwards, were guilty of force and violence, and so were guilty of rioting. Then as to the second head of charge, he said they were guilty of destroying certain huts, a tent, and other property, of the value of Rs. 50 and upwards. He did not wish to anticipate what the defence would be. The Parsee Punchayet made some claim to the ground on which the huts stood. So far as the rioting was concerned, it was immaterial to whom the ground belonged, because it did not matter where the rioting took place. The section as to rioting applies even if it took place on a piece of ground of which possession was sought. It applies equally whether the possession is sought for under colour of title or without it, and whether the right which is asserted is a valid or invalid one. The object of the clause is the same as that of the old English Statute, 5 Rich II. sec 1, c. 7, against forcible entries, and is to prevent breaches of the peace by compelling every one who asserts rights, which may be contested, to do so under the authority of law. If the Parsee Punchayet supposed they had a claim to the ground, they should have brought a suit in a court of justice and should not have taken the law into their own hands. Now, the learned counsel said that, although he might not be able to prove that all the prisoners did actually commit violence, the law was that if some of them committed violence, they were all equally guilty. "And justly so," as Mr. Mayne says, "for the countenance and assistance of those who committed no violence rendered possible the conduct of those who actually committed it." The learned counsel argued that every one of those present in the unlawful assembly, whether he took an active part or not, was equally guilty as the persons who set fire to the hut. Now, the facts of the case were these. Cooverjee Prasjee, a Hindoo, and one Jacob Jumall were the joint owners, and were on the 4th instant the joint occupiers of a piece of land situated near the outer wall and on the land side of the Towers of Silence. On the 27th March last, some huts were erected on the land for workmen, and a tent was pitched for the European inspector and furniture supplied for him. 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FATAL CARRIAGE ACCIDENT AT MAHABLESHWUR.

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The appellant's arguments put, shortly amount to this: that the right to cede territory was vested in the Court of Directors, in concert with the Board of Control, who had power to acquire territory and to make treaties with foreign princes, to which right the Secretary of State for India succeeded under the provisions of section 3, chapter 106, of 21 and 22 Victoria; that this Court, under section 57, chapter 10, of the Indian Evidence Act, was bound to accept the territorial alterations notified in the proclamation in the *Bombay Government Gazette*; and further, that this Court, being bound by the law, cannot but hold the cession to be valid under section 113 of the same Evidence Act, coupled with a notification in the *Gazette of India*, 4th January 1873, as follows:—"The Governor-General of India in Council hereby notifies the fact that the villages mentioned in the schedule here below appended, were on the 1st February 1866 ceded to the State of Bhownuggur (the village of Ghanglee being included in the same Pergana). Whereas on behalf of the respondent it was urged, with much force and ability, that the power to cede territory and therewith to transfer the allegiance of subjects was never possessed by the Court of Directors, and therefore could not be transferred to the Secretary of State, such power residing in the Imperial Legislature alone; that therefore the cession was invalid, and the recent notification in the *Gazette of India* made for the purposes of section 113 of the Evidence Act was worthless, it being *ultra vires* of the Legislative Council, as in various ways in defiance of Acts of Parliament; that the Legislature had no power to make retrospective laws; and lastly, though even though the question of jurisdiction be decided against the respondent, the appellant, having already attorned to the jurisdiction, cannot now be heard to object. With regard to the attorning to the jurisdiction, the respondent's argument appears altogether untenable; it is advisable therefore at the outset to dispose of that question. Certain English cases have been quoted to us in support of the contention that a suit can be carried on within British jurisdiction as regards land in foreign territory, but none of these cases go to the length of showing that parties out of the jurisdiction can litigate in a British Court to recover land situated out of British territory, and they clearly have no application to the present case. It is manifest that the acts and conduct of parties cannot of themselves give any court a jurisdiction not before possessed over the subject matter in dispute; and it is also manifest, that if the legal effect of the cession of territory, notified, was to remove the village of Ghanglee out of the jurisdiction of the District Court of Ahmedabad, secs. 3 and 37, Act 23 of 1861, provided an absolute bar to the judges hearing this appeal. Two main questions arise in this case—one as to the effect of the declaration in the *Gazette of India* in January last that territory has been ceded, and the other as to the validity and legality of the cession itself. The power of the Indian Legislature to cede such a statutory presumption having been challenged on the ground that it affects the authority of Parliament, we find that the first of these questions involves an enquiry into the very serious one of the Crown's prerogative to cede territory. We prefer then first to consider with regard to the second question—what rights for cession of territory were vested in the East India Company, for it is clear that only those powers which the Company possessed either alone or by the direction and with the sanction of the Commissioners of the affairs of India devolved upon Her Majesty's Secretary of State. We know that from the time of their charter granted by Queen Elizabeth in 1600, down to 1767, the Company were merely recognised as traders, but as their struggles with the French Company left them, at the peace of 1763, masters of a large portion of territory, their position attracted the attention of Parliament, and the House of Commons appointed a committee to inquire into the nature of the Company's charters, the enquiry resulting in their being continued by 7 George III., chapter 57, sec. 2, in possession of their territorial acquisitions and revenues as well as their exclusive trade, until the first of February 1769, on condition of the payment of a certain annual sum. From this date the Company's exclusive trade and government were renewed from time to time until by 3 and 4 William IV., chapter 35, their trade was suspended except in so far as it might be carried on for purposes of government, their term of government being continued until the 30th of April 1854, and finally this term was renewed until Parliament should otherwise provide, until in fact the passing of 21 and 22 Victoria, ch. 106, which transferred the Government of India to Her Majesty. We see then that from the year 1767 when the East India Company's territorial acquisitions were first recognized as British territory, they were from time to time continued in possession of them, subject to the authority of Parliament. It is alleged that the Company, in concert with the Board of Control, had power to acquire territory, and to make treaties with foreign princes, and it is argued that they must have had power to cede territory also for the purposes of such treaties; but we see clearly that whatever powers the Company and Board possessed, were derived from Parliament. All the charters from 1767 expressly entrust the Company with possession and government of the British territories, and appropriation of the revenues (as a necessary means of governing) for the Crown and the Board of Commissioners was created with "full power and authority to superintend, direct, and control all acts, operations, and concern which anywise relate to or concern the civil and military Governments and revenues of the said territories and acquisitions in the East Indies." And though it may be inferred that the Company and Board had power to levy war or make peace and to make treaties with native princes and states in India for guaranteeing their possession, nowhere are we able to find any indication of an authority to dismember already existing British territories. On the contrary, it is a significant circumstance that Parliament expressly provided the Court of Directors with power under the direction and control of the Board of Commissioners to "declare and appoint what part or parts of any of the territories under the Government of the Company should from time to time be subject to the Government of each of the several presidencies, then subsisting or to be established, and to alter from time to time the limits of the Presidencies and Lieutenant-Governorships." If therefore special enactments were necessary to enable the Government of the country to make internal arrangements and distributions of British territories, *a fortiori* would it appear that without such special enactment they were incompetent to cede any portion of them. Mr. Forsyth in his "Cases and Opinions on Constitutional Law," page 185, gives two instances of cession (not under treaty of peace) by the East India Company to a foreign state, previous to 1858. "1. In 1817 a cession by treaty in 'full sovereignty' to the Sikhumputtee Rajah of a part of territory formerly possessed by the Rajah of Nepaul, but ceded to the East India Company by a treaty of peace. 2. In 1833 a cession by treaty to Rajah Voorunder Singh, of a portion of Assam lying on the south of the Borrumpooter river, by which the rajah bound himself in the administration of justice in the country now made over to him, to abstain from the practices of former rajahs of Assam as to cutting off ears and noses, extracting eyes, and otherwise mutilating and torturing." Alluding to the latter case, Mr. Forsyth adds—"This is not a very satisfactory precedent; and it shows the kind of risks to which the British subjects might be liable on being transferred to a semi-barbarous power." And certainly these two isolated cases furnish no sufficient presumption of the existence of a prerogative of which we cannot find any trace in any of the various acts, defining the Company's status and powers. Holding, then, that the power to cede territory was not one of the powers to which the Secretary of State succeeded under the Act transferring the Government of India to Her Majesty, we turn to consider the effect of the *Gazette of India* Notification. Section 113 of the Evidence Act, which received the assent of the Governor-General on the 15th March 1872, runs thus—"A notification in the *Gazette of India* that any portion of British territory has been ceded to any native state, prince, or ruler, shall be conclusive proof that a valid cession of territory took place on the date mentioned in such notification." This section was first introduced in the amended bill presented on the 30th of January 1872 to the Legislative Council of the Governor-General with these remarks by the Select Committee—"A conclusive presumption is a direction by the law that the existence of one fact shall in all cases be inferred from proof of another. This we have provided in sections 112 and 113, and we have provided in the chapter on the burden of proof that a notification in the *Gazette* that a territory has been ceded to a native prince shall be conclusive proof of a valid cession at the date mentioned in the notification. The object of this section is to set at rest questions which, as we are informed, have arisen on this subject." Our judgment in this case was passed on the 20th December 1870, when there existed only the notification of the *Bombay Government Gazette*, dated 29th January 1866, and we granted the review on the 16th December 1872, in order that it might be argued whether the sanction of the Secretary of State did not operate to create a valid cession. But on the 4th of January 1873 appeared in the *Gazette of India* the notification that the village of Ghanglee, with several others, had been ceded seven years before; and we are now told that even though the approval by the Secretary of State of the cession be not all-sufficient, we cannot consider that question. No doubt this would be the effect of sec. 113, provided that it lay within the power of the Legislative Council to make such a law. What, then, are the powers of the Council of the Governor-General? By sec. 43, 3 and 4 William IV., chap. 85, the Governor-General in Council was empowered to legislate for India except that he "shall not have the power of making any laws and regulations which shall in any way affect any prerogative of the Crown or the authority of Parliament . . . . . or any part of the unwritten laws or constitutions of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, whereon may depend in any degree the allegiance of any person to the Crown of the United Kingdom, or the sovereignty and dominion of the said Crown over any part of the said territories." This section was repealed by sec. 2, Acts 24 and 25 Vic., ch. 67, "The Indian Council's Act," but by sec. 22 of this Act it was again provided "that the Governor-General's Council shall not have the power of making any laws or regulations . . . . . which may affect the authority of Parliament . . . . . or any part of the unwritten laws or constitution of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, whereon may depend in any degree the allegiance of any person to the Crown of the sovereignty and dominion of the said Crown over any part of the said territories." Further on in sec. 24 of the same Act we find "that no law or regulation made by the Governor-General in Council (subject to the power of disallowance by the Crown as hereinbefore provided) shall be deemed invalid by reason only that it affects the prerogative of the Crown." It is a notable circumstance that the wording of the repealed section of 3 and 4 William IV., ch. 85, and of section 22 of the Council's Act substituted for it, differs only in one particular, i. e., that in the latter the words "prerogative of the Crown" are omitted, nor is it easy to understand the reason for this omission. Prior to this Act, no general power was given to the Crown to disallow laws made by the Legislative Council. Section 26 of 16 and 17 Victoria, ch. 95, declared "that no law or regulation was to be invalid by reason only of its affecting any prerogative of the Crown, provided it had received the previous sanction of the Crown signified in a prescribed form"; and the Council's Act, which repealed this, made express provision for the transmission to the Secretary of State for India of copies of all laws and regulations assented to by the Governor-General and for their disallowance by Her Majesty. In neither case was any law affecting the prerogative of the Crown to be deemed invalid, provided that before the passing of the Council's Act, the Crown had previously sanctioned it, or that after that period, it had not been disallowed. But the law expressly prohibiting the Legislative Council of India from making any law affecting the authority of Parliament is in no way varied or altered by the Indian Council's Act. The value therefore of section 113 of the Evidence Act depends on the constitutional question of prerogative. If the Crown alone has power to cede territory, then this provision of the law is valid and binding so long as it is not disallowed, but if, on the other hand, that power can only be exercised with the authority of Parliament, it follows, as a matter of course, that the Legislative Council exceeded its powers, and that section 113 was and must continue to be bad law. On this point, we have been referred to the opinions of Grotius, Vattel, Puffendorf, Chalmers, Wheaton, Phillimore, and Twiss, who all appear to support the proposition that no power resides in the Crown to cede territory, save under circumstances of necessity. Most of these writers are referred to by Mr. Forsyth, in the work to which we have alluded above, and the conclusion at which he appears to arrive is, that while the Crown can by virtue of its prerogative without any doubt make cessions by treaty of peace at the close of a war, its power to cede territory in any other way is extremely questionable. Vattel, Puffendorf and Grotius may or may not be accepted as authorities, but Mr. Forsyth strengthens his opinion by a consideration of known precedents. He quotes various instances of cessions made in adjustments of quarrels between nations, but can find only two in support of the Crown's unconditional prerogative. The case of the Orange River territory and the sale of Dumburies by Charles II, and the latter of these two he regards, with much reason, as hardly a constitutional precedent. With reference to the Orange River territory, we have been unable to consult the correspondence to which reference is advised; but as it is questionable whether the British nation ever acquired a right of property in the territory, it may be more easily allowed that it was in the power of the Crown to rescind that which it had enacted by its letters patent without reference to Parliament. The cases moreover are not analogous; for the British territories in India have been the subject of Parliamentary Legislation from the time of their acquisition, and have become thereby a material part of the property, and therefore of the body of the State. It appears to be considered by some (*vide* Lord Palmerston's speech in the debate on the relinquishment by the British Crown of the Protectorate of the Ionian Islands) that a distinction exists between cessions of British freehold, and of territory acquired by conquest during war and not by treaty, or ceded by treaty and held as possessions of the British Crown; but the cases he quoted were all, observes Mr. Forsyth, cessions at the close of a war. On what principle can such a distinction rest? All subjects of the Crown possess the same rights and incur the same obligations. Allegiance by the English law is correlative with protection and is to be looked upon as a relation not only between a sovereign and subjects, but as between a corporation and its members. That Her Majesty's subjects in India have the same rights with all her other subjects is clear from the Queen's Proclamation of 1858; the same fundamental rule, restricting the prerogative of the Crown from interference with the allegiance of subjects and their right to protection, must apply equally to all and every part of Her Majesty's dominions. Vattel's arguments on the principles involved command themselves to our reason. In his book 1, ch 21, sec 263, he says—"A nation ought to preserve itself, it ought to preserve all its members, it cannot abandon them, and it is under an engagement to support them in their ranks as members of the nation. It has not then a right to traffic with their rank and liberty on account of any advantage it may expect to derive from such a negociation. They have joined the society for the purpose of being members of it. They submit to the authority of the State for the purpose of promoting in concert their common welfare and safety, and not of being at its disposal like a farm or an herd of cattle. But the nation may lawfully abandon them in case of extreme necessity, and she has a right to cut them off from the body if the public safety requires." In considering further whether the prince has power to dismember the State, he says that "this depends on whether he has received full and absolute authority from the nation," and proceeds—"The nation ought never to abandon its members, but in a case of necessity, or with a view to the public safety and to preserve itself from total ruin, and the prince ought not to give them up for the same reasons. But since he has received an absolute authority it belongs to him to judge of the necessity of the case, and of what the safety of the State requires." We have no knowledge of the reasons which induced the transfer of Ghanglee and other villages to the State of Bhownuggur, but it is certain that there existed no such necessity as is recognised by the publicists. If, then, it be a fundamental law, that the sovereign cannot of himself dismember territories, and that he can only do so with the sanction of the people in cases of real necessity, it follows that the Indian Legislature cannot make, and the Crown cannot sanction, a law having for its object the dismemberment of the State in times of peace. Further, if the sanction of Parliament be necessary for a cession in times of peace, and if allegiance be indefeasible, it follows that such a direction of the law, as the one we are contemplating, must of necessity affect the authority of Parliament, and those unwritten laws and constitution of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, where on depends the allegiance of persons to the Crown of the United Kingdom. This being so, sec. 113 of the Indian Evidence Act, though not disallowed, is not protected by sec. 24, and 25 Vic., ch. 67, and we cannot therefore follow its directions. For these reasons we decline to alter our decision, which will therefore stand. Costs on appellant.

INDIAN ITEMS.

A WOMAN (caste Rungree), living in the city of Lahore, gave birth to three sons on the 30th ultimo. The mother and infants are doing well!

THE annual distribution of prizes to the students of the Doveton College, Madras, took place on Thursday evening, in the hall of the Institution, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Holloway presiding.

MR. STODDON, Senior Assistant Commissioner of Rawul Pindee, takes leave to the hills, instead of furlough to Europe. Mr. Christie, who was transferred to Montgomery, will, we understand, officiate for him.

MR. C. W. CARPENTER, Settlement Officer, Allahabad, has been appointed to officiate as Secretary to the Board of Revenue, North-Western Provinces, during the absence from that department of Mr. A Colvin, who officiates as Secretary to the Government.

THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. F. DE H. LARPENT, as Lecturer on History and English Literature at the Lahore College, has been disallowed by Sir Richard Temple, we hear, on the ground that it was objectionable for him (Mr. Larpent) to take remuneration from the College for such services while he was enjoying the princely emoluments of the Financial Department. As Mr. Larpent does not care to work for nothing, the College loses the benefit of his talents, and will have to look out a long while before it can make so good a selection.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND MISSION CHAPEL AT SECUNDERABAD.—The Governor in Council has sanctioned a grant-in-aid of Rs. 2,500 from Provincial Funds towards the cost of enlarging the Church of Scotland Mission Chapel at Secunderabad, so as to afford accommodation for the Presbyterian congregation, for whom the Government now rent the occasional use of a portion of the public rooms for Divine service. The monthly charge for rent will cease as soon as the extension is so far completed as to allow of the building being used.—*Madras Times.*

ACCIDENT ON THE CALCUTTA TRAMWAY.—On Thursday, at 10-30 A. M., while the municipal train with passengers of the Eastern Bengal Railway train, was driving into town a serious accident occurred. It appears that Mr. and Mrs. Lawder had just come out of their house, situated opposite the Police Office, when the train ran against their carriage, and by the shock Mrs. Lawder was pitched out of it. Mr. Lawder's coachman's toes were cut off by the wheels of the train, and the syce also received some severe bruises on one of his hands, which necessitated their removal to hospital. The carriage and horse have also been damaged. We hear Mr. Lawder will take proceedings in the Small Cause Court against the Justices.—*Englishman.*

OPENING OF THE NEW CENTRAL STATION, MADRAS.—From an advertisement of the Madras Railway Company, the public will gather the welcome news that at last the new station is to be opened. This event is to take place on the 17th instant when the Royapooram and Perambore stations will cease to be used for their present purpose. Madras possesses in the new building the most spacious and commodious Railway Station in India, an edifice of which this Presidency has reason to be proud. The Royapooram station, though certainly ornamented with a handsome façade, is not what such a structure should have been. It is dark and close, while the rooms for the accommodation of the public have long been unsuitable to a city like Madras. In the new station the Company can fairly say "*nous avons changé tout cela.*"—*Madras Mail.*

A CURIOUS CASE has lately been heard at Lahore. A girl of some 13 years of age, married to a boy of one of the wandering tribes in the Lahore jungle beyond the Ravee, had a quarrel with her mother-in-law about work, and in revenge took the little daughter of her mother-in-law to the jungle outside the huts and nearly severed the child's head from its body. The police found the body and could not imagine who had done it, but the village tracker at once recognised the girl's tracks and she openly admitted she had killed the child, and gave up the knife, which she had hidden. When brought before the Magistrate at Lahore she confessed fully, with a coolness that could only be characterised as wonderful. These wandering labourers obtain a remarkably early precociousness owing to their hard life, and the children of some of them, taken in hand by the missionaries, have proved particularly intelligent scholars, but the development of intellect in this case has hardly been satisfactory.—*Indian Public Opinion*, April 1.

REFUSING TO START A TRAIN.—Last Monday evening the assistant station master of Howrah was, it is said, placed in a very helpless position by the driver of the 4-45 passenger train refusing to receive his signal to start. It appears that when the time was due for the train to start, the assistant station master gave the signal, and the driver not acknowledging the signal, as is usually done, by sounding the whistle, the station master waved the green flag for five minutes, and still not hearing the whistle, he sent a guard to enquire about the delay. The guard on going up to the engine, and enquiring of the driver as to the cause of the delay, was told by him that he would not start until he received a signal from the guard of the train. The guard informed him that the rule was for the station master to start the train, and not the guard. The driver continued in his refusal to start, when the station master was compelled to inform Mr. Cowie, the District Traffic Superintendent, who hastened to the engine and spoke to the driver regarding his conduct, when he started with his train. A delay of twenty-five minutes was caused. We hear that a judicial enquiry is to be held into the driver's conduct.—*Englishman.*

A HARD CASE.—The *Bangalore Herald* says—"Some weeks ago we mentioned in our local columns that a Dr. Anthony had been arrested here on a charge of criminal breach of trust at the instance of the Cochin authorities and had been conveyed to that place under charge of Inspector Kilman. It gives us pleasure now to be able to say that on due investigation, no crime was found to lie against Dr. Anthony, and he was honourably acquited by the magistrate. But we think there are features in Dr. Anthony's case which call for strong reprobation and very serious notice. Dr. Anthony was Port Surgeon of Cochin, and as such had frequent intercourse with the captains of vessels in harbour. One of these purchased jewellery from a native, when at the Doctor's house, to the amount of Rs. 45, but left Cochin without paying him. Some time after Dr. Anthony came to Bangalore with his wife and family, and after a residence here of a few weeks he found himself one morning tapped on the shoulder by Kilman, the Inspector, with the startling words—"you're my prisoner." Dr. Anthony, whose wife was then seriously ill, asked the nature of the charge preferred against him and by whom. But no information whatever was vouchsafed to him by any of the authorities, and it will scarcely be credited that, owing to an informality in the warrant issued from Cochin, Dr. Anthony, a respectable medical practitioner, was confined in a common lock-up at this station for no less than twenty-three days. He was then forwarded to Cochin in charge of Inspector Kilman, and this person's treatment of him we hope will not pass without very serious notice. At every railway station, we understand, he drew particular attention to Dr. Anthony as a prisoner in his custody charged with criminal breach of trust knowing that he was innocent of the charge,—the doctor's feelings may well be imagined. On arriving at Cochin he was at once sent to hospital, being seriously ill, and in the course of a few days his case was gone into by Mr. Winterbotham, the Deputy Collector, who after a careful investigation dismissed the case, honourably acquitting Dr. Anthony. Comment on this case is, we think, quite unnecessary beyond drawing attention to the fact that any rascally native may go before a magistrate, make whatever statements he chooses against any respectable party, obtain a warrant, and no matter where situated or under what circumstances, have that party taken into custody. In the case to which we allude it may be said that Dr. Anthony had his remedy at law. But *cui bono?* His accuser was a man not worth fifty rupees. We are informed that had not a kind hearted friend, Mr. Gantz, barrister-at-law, assisted Dr. Anthony to return to his family at Bangalore, he would have been left perfectly destitute and without a friend in the world. That he is a very hardly used man is evident enough, and we hope the case will be a warning to district magistrates in future how they grant warrants on the representations of natives against parties at a distance. To the credit of Mr. L. Ricketts, the officiating Commissioner of the Bangalore Division, we may mention that during the period Dr. Anthony was in custody in Bangalore, he permitted him the privilege of spending three hours a day with his afflicted wife and family. We understand that the unmerited harshness and hardships experienced by Dr. Anthony will yet be brought to the notice of Government.

THE PRIMATE ON INTEMPERANCE.—The following pastoral has been addressed by his Grace the Primate to his suffragans, the Bishops of the Province of Canterbury:—"Lambeth Palace, February 24, 1873. My dear Lord,—The alarming extent to which intemperance prevails in this country has been fully established by the report of the Committee on Intemperance of the Lower House of Convocation in this province, which with its valuable and exhaustive appendix has been for some time before the country, and has been the means of calling general attention to the degrading and destructive vice of which it treats. But hitherto no effort has been made by the Church in its collective capacity for the suppression of this great national evil. A society, however, based upon the principles laid down in a supplementary report of the said committee, now before the House, and likely to enlist the co-operation of all persons interested in the suppression of intemperance, has been recently inaugurated at a meeting held in Lambeth Library, on the 18th of this month, at which I myself presided. It seems desirable that the organization possessed by our Church through its bishops, archdeacons, rural deans, and parochial clergy should now be employed for the purpose of supplying information, and for dealing with a vice so injurious to the welfare of our people in every parish. I hope that you will employ such means as you may think best suited for the purpose to bring this important subject under the notice of the clergy and laity of your diocese.—I remain, my dear lord, your faithful brother, A. C. Cantuar."

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